

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

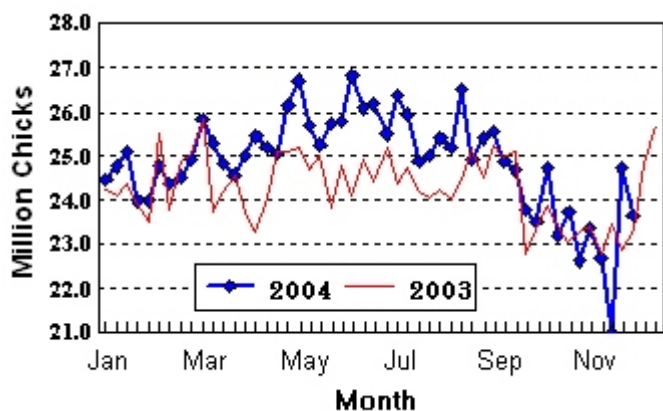
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending December 11, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 1.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 11, 2004 were 1.24 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

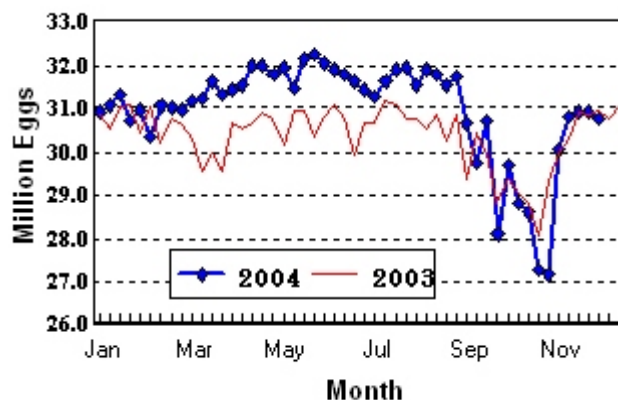
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 11, 2004, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Nov. 6	23,263	22,634	97	24,131	23,869	99	29,304	27,142	93
Nov. 13	23,410	23,357	100	23,971	23,693	99	29,978	30,052	100
Nov. 20	22,777	22,691	100	23,123	22,636	98	30,312	30,824	102
Nov. 27	23,461	20,983	89	24,188	22,520	93	30,923	30,922	100
Dec. 4	22,866	24,740	108	24,832	24,837	100	30,882	30,902	100
Dec. 11	23,320	23,661	101	25,142	25,625	103	30,992	30,746	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec		06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec	
Alabama	29,459 *	29,233	29,704	29,432	99	20,375	19,177	20,257	20,715	20,604	22,434	103
ARKANSAS	30,824 *	30,922	30,902	30,746	99	22,634	23,357	22,691	20,983	24,740 *	23,661	101
Delaware	3,574	3,815	3,473 *	3,854	101	5,557	5,483	4,295	5,125	5,267 *	5,706	122
Florida	1,363 *	1,339	1,339	1,359	100	1,495	1,615	1,492	1,354	1,639	1,438	101
Georgia	32,628 *	33,789	33,096 *	33,766	101	25,097	24,802	25,011	26,718	26,637	26,171	106
Kentucky	7,169	7,014	7,036	7,071	101	4,853	5,222	5,562	5,858	5,869 *	5,957	101
Louisiana	3,984	3,979	3,984	3,984	104	3,418	3,385	3,752	4,208	3,821	4,074	104
Maryland	8,554	8,736	8,596 *	8,777	99	4,402	4,454	6,049	5,417	4,499 *	4,852	82
Mississippi	19,312	19,540	19,249	19,018	98	16,207	16,357	15,402	16,631	16,887	17,334	110
N. Carolina	17,792 *	17,451	17,725	17,587	97	13,811	14,239	14,743	14,317	14,867	14,584	102
Oklahoma	6,648	6,593	6,503	6,340	100	5,459	4,719	4,250	4,956	4,423	5,020	91
Pennsylvania	3,892	3,845 *	3,778 *	3,970	109	2,633	2,731	2,934	2,907 *	2,896 *	2,870	108
S. Carolina	4,407	4,559	4,555	4,409	114	3,897	3,530	4,112	3,664	4,267	3,817	99
Texas	14,822	14,487	14,980	15,001	108	11,512	10,967	12,114	12,427	12,074	12,390	101
Virginia	6,355	6,499	6,398	6,369	100	5,028	5,113	4,759	4,913	5,561	5,178	98
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,468	18,016	16,697 *	17,772	106	15,631 *	16,059	15,624	16,578	17,206 *	16,256	107
Total 2004	208,251 *	209,817 *	208,015 *	209,455		162,009 *	161,210	163,047	166,771 *	171,257 *	171,742	
Total 2003	204,537	208,986	204,662	207,313		153,618	155,123	156,626	164,561	167,566	166,640	
%Prev. Year	102	100	102	101		105	104	104	101	102	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004-2005.....						25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending December 11, 2004. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 11, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 11, 2004 were 8.20 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.